

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1646 - SB 2013

April 6, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (017183): Creates a Class D felony offense for knowingly and unlawfully killing a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, service animal, or police horse without the owner's effective consent.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-205, knowingly and unlawfully killing the animal of another without the owner's effective consent is theft of property, graded according to the value of the animal, and enhanced to at least a Class E felony offense if the animal is a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, or police horse.
- Theft of \$500-\$1,000 is a Class E felony, and theft of \$1,000-\$10,000 is a Class D felony.
- Based upon information provided by the Department of Correction, there has been an average of 0.2 admissions in each of the last 10 years for the Class D felony offense under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-205 for intentional killing of an animal, with an average time served of 1.11 years. There have not been any Class E felony offenses under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-205 over the last 10 years.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any impact to the court system as a result of the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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